

Request

1. As of date of receipt of this request (8th May) how many children with EHCPs are currently waiting for a school place in your council area?
2. As of date of receipt of this request (8th May) how many children are awaiting assessment for an EHCP in your council area?
3. How many SEN appeals were undertaken in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023?
4. How many of these appeals ended up at tribunal, broken down by the years 21, 22, 23?
5. How many SEN appeals were upheld/partially upheld in favour of the council, broken down by the years 21, 22, 23?
6. How much was spent by the council on the SEN appeals process in the years of 2021, 2022, and 2023? (This includes appeals that went to tribunal, and those which were settled before tribunal was necessary. It should also include a breakdown of legal fees where possible.)
7. As of the date of receipt of this request (8th May) how many SEN appeals are currently on your authority's caseload? This includes appeals which are yet to go to tribunal, appeals which are at tribunal stage, and any other appeals which are outstanding.

Response

Q1 56 children and young people with EHC Plans are awaiting a school place.

Q2 The information you have asked for is not held in the format you have requested. Therefore, we have provided the following information:

- The number of children and awaiting a decision from the Council as to whether the request for an EHC needs assessment will be approved – **88**.
- The number of children and young people undergoing an EHC needs assessment – **329**.

Q3 2021/22 - 12
2022/23 - 23
2023/24 - 16

Q4 2021/22 - 1
2022/23 - 1
2023/24 - 2

Q5 2021/22 - 0
2022/23 - 1
2023/24 - awaiting outcome of hearing

Q6 The Council does not hold this information in the format you are requesting. We are not able to disaggregate the costs of supporting the appeal process as the duties sit within the current staffing roles and responsibilities in the SEND Service and Legal Team.

Q7 5 Active Tribunals

- **1** – awaiting final hearing to take place
- **1** – hearing has taken place and awaiting decision
- **3** – LA conceded and awaiting for hearings to be vacated)